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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 15, 2000

APPLICATION OF

NEWSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS  
OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC000178

For certificates of public  
convenience and necessity to  
provide local exchange and  
interexchange telecommunications  
services

FINAL ORDER

On August 10, 2000, NewSouth Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("NewSouth" or "Applicant"), completed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificates") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange telecommunications services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

By Order dated August 25, 2000, the Commission directed the Applicant to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a Staff Report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to NewSouth's application. On October 25,

2000, NewSouth filed a Motion for Change in Procedural Dates to reschedule certain prehearing matters originally scheduled in the August 25, 2000, Order. An Amended Order for Notice and Hearing was issued November 7, 2000. The hearing date remained unchanged. On November 16, 2000, the Staff filed its report finding that NewSouth's application was in compliance with 20 VAC 5-400-180, the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service ("Local Rules"), and 20 VAC 5-400-60, the Rules Governing the Certification of Interexchange Carriers ("IXC Rules"). Based upon its review of NewSouth's application and audited financial statements of New South's ultimate parent, NewSouth Holdings, Inc., the Staff determined it would be appropriate to grant both local exchange and interexchange certificates to the Applicant.

A hearing was conducted on November 21, 2000. At the hearing, the application and accompanying attachments, the Staff Report, and proofs of publication and notice were entered into the record without objection.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application and the Staff Report, the Commission finds that NewSouth's application should be granted. Having considered § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission also finds that NewSouth may price its interexchange telecommunications services competitively.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) NewSouth Communications of Virginia, Inc., is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. TT-118A, to provide interexchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the IXC Rules, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) NewSouth Communications of Virginia, Inc., is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-522, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Local Rules, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(3) Pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia, NewSouth may price its interexchange telecommunications services competitively.

(4) NewSouth shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications that conform to all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(5) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers herein placed in the file for ended causes.